

East Tennessee Human Resource Agency, Inc.

Policy Council Resolution

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNOR BREDESEN TO EXPAND HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TENNESSEANS

WHEREAS, the Governor's initiative is referred to as the Long-Term Care Community Choices Act of 2008 and was submitted by legislative amendment for consideration to the Tennessee General Assembly in March, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires additional consumer directed long term care options, will provide for the development of new residential options, and improve access to assisted care living facilities in the state, and

WHEREAS, the legislation establishes a simplified process for accessing services through the designation of a single point of entry for all long term care services offered by the state and other entities, and

WHEREAS, the legislation will implement an active transition and diversion program for people who can be cared for at home and in other community settings safely and efficiently, and

WHEREAS, the legislation will provide for a comprehensive care coordination process that will manage all medical and long term care services through a single organization to bring about efficiencies that do not currently exist in Tennessee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the *East Tennessee Human Resource Agency Policy Council of the Board of Directors* strongly recommends to the East Tennessee Legislative Delegation to support the passage of the Long Term Care Community Choices Act of 2008 to reform the long term care system in Tennessee and provide long term care choices for the elderly and disabled populations that are not in place today;

RESOLVED, this 11th day of March 2008, the health, safety, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the citizens of East Tennessee requiring it.

Approved:

Iliff McMahan, Chairman
Policy Council of the Board of Directors
East Tennessee Human Resource Agency, Inc.